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### **THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR CONDUCT INSPECTIONS ON V.I. BUSINESSES**

The Department of Labor would like to inform the public that the local Division of Labor Relations and the U.S. Department of Labor/Wage and Hour Division are periodically conducting joint wage and hour compliance inspections of various businesses in the territory.

During a field inspection several businesses were found in violation of Child Labor Laws, failure to pay overtime for several employees and non-compliance with compensating employees paid on a commission basis. A number of employees were awarded back wages which amounted to several thousands of dollars.

"We are currently working on a memorandum of agreement with USDOL which will hopefully increase the level of compliance and provide regular training for our entire Labor Relations staff," stated Commissioner, Cecil R. Benjamin.

"It is our intention to work cooperatively with both the employers and employees to insure that our labor laws are being adhered to in order to create a more productive and harmonious labor management relationship," concluded the Commissioner.

For further information, kindly contact the Virgin Islands Department of Labor's Division of Labor Relations at **692-9686** on St. Croix and **776-3700** on St. Thomas. Please visit our website at [www.vidol.gov](http://www.vidol.gov).